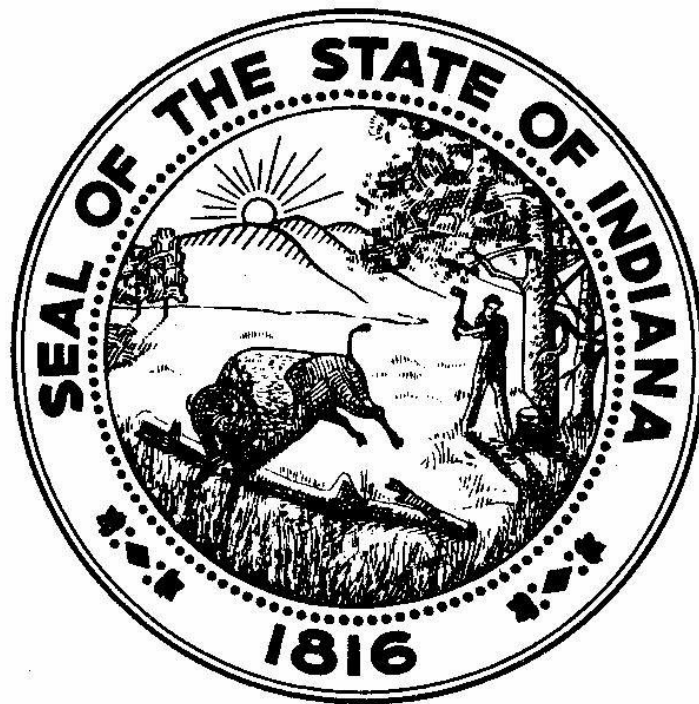

Governor's Fellowship



Application for
2020-2021



A Message from Governor Eric Holcomb

My administration is all about taking the tools that we've been provided and putting them to work with a single purpose in mind – to make life better for all Hoosiers. If chosen to be a Governor's Fellow, you will become a part of a team of hardworking individuals who are dedicated to taking Indiana to the Next Level.

As a Governor's Fellow, you will work alongside dedicated professionals on projects that positively impact the state while developing skills and relationships that will ultimately serve you well in whatever career path you choose. The work done by Governor's Fellows is particularly rewarding and impactful since there are 6.5 million Hoosiers counting on our team to get it right. I hope you consider answering the call to serve and apply to be a part of my team.

What is the Governor's Fellowship Program?

The Governor's Fellowship provides a unique experience in Indiana State government. The program is highly selective, recruiting up to four talented future leaders from across the state to serve in the Governor's office and various state agencies on a rotating basis over the course of twelve months. Fellows participate in the daily activities of state government, complete special projects, travel to observe how work in the Capitol translates into action throughout the State, and experience firsthand how policies are made.

Governor's Fellows go on to work in a variety of settings. Many of those who have participated as Governor's Fellows over the past two decades have gone on to successful careers in both the public and the private sector – some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government. They take from their fellowship an exceptional understanding of the workings of state government and experience in a variety of areas. At the same time, fellows have been able to give back to the state through their years of public service.

ELIGIBILITY

The Governor's Fellowship Program is open to college graduates who earn their bachelor's degrees in either summer or fall of 2019 or spring of 2020. While any such graduate may apply, special consideration is given to applicants from Indiana and candidates with a 3.0 or above grade point average.

SELECTION

The Governor's steering committee conducts an initial review of the applications; the most qualified candidates are then selected to interview with the committee at the State House in Indianapolis. After the interviews, the committee forwards its recommendations to the Governor based on leadership skills, academic record, qualifications, references, quality of essay and overall interest in State government. The Governor then makes the final selection of Governor's Fellows. Recipients of the Fellowship will be notified as soon as possible following the Governor's decision.

COMPENSATION

Governor's Fellows receive a competitive salary (approximately \$33,000) plus full fringe benefits during the Fellowship year. The year of service corresponds with the State fiscal year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please fill out the application below and submit it along with all of the following supporting materials: current official college transcript, one of the required essays, 3-5 letters of recommendation, and a resume.

If you have questions concerning the fellowship program, please contact Jim Suess at the Governor's Office at (317) 232-2885. The completed application should be mailed or emailed in **one packet or one email** to:

**The Governor's Fellowship Program
c/o Jim Suess
Office of the Governor
State House, Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2797**

Or

JSuess@gov.IN.gov

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be postmarked by **February 28, 2020**. Again, all application material must be mailed together to avoid loss of documentation. Material sent separately will not be accepted.

**Visit our website at
<http://www.in.gov/gov>**



Application for the Governor's Fellowship Program

(Applications must be typed)

Name _____

Current Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone ____/____ Cell Phone ____/____

Permanent Address: _____

City State Zip Code: _____

Phone ____/____

Email Address _____

After February 28, 2020 which information should be used to contact you?

Circle one: Current Address or Permanent Address

Education

A current, official grade transcript must be included in the application packet.
No other version will be accepted.

Undergraduate Institution _____

Grade Point Average at Graduation or Last Semester Completed: _____

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Degrees Earned _____ Date Conferred _____

Other Institutions Attended _____

Honors and Activities

State Agencies of Interest

(For a complete list of state agencies, please visit www.in.gov/core/find_agency.html)

1.

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Hobbies and Special Interests

References

Three to five letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. Letters of recommendation should illustrate diversity in an applicant's background. List the names of the writers, their position, and your relationship to them here.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
- (4.) _____
- (5.) _____

Essay

Please attach a brief (450-550 words) typewritten essay in response to **one** of the following questions. Include the question you chose to address at the beginning of the essay.

- A) What is one innovative action Indiana should do to take the state to the Next Level?
How can state government encourage this innovation?
- B) Which of Governor Holcomb's five pillars do you see as most critical to the success of Indiana? Why?

*****COMPLETED APPLICATIONS must be received no later than February 28, 2020*****
(including this application, transcript, reference letters, resume, and essay)